

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes**
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**Monday
May 5, 2008
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with eight (8) District Advisory Board members in attendance, six (6) city staff and members of the public.

Members Present

Jaya Escobar
Stacie Longwell
Janet Miller
Charlie Claycomb
Bob Schreck
John VanWalleghen
Carol Skaff
Bob Aldrich

Members Absent

Marsha Carr
Pat Randleas
C. Bickley Foster

Staff Present

Officer Sharp, Patrol North
Lt. Nolte, Patrol North
Officer Schweidthal, Patrol South
Pat Houston, NE Community Educator
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Officer Long, Patrol West

Guests

Missing sign in sheet

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for April 7th were approved with amendments and minutes for April 16th were approved as submitted. (**Skaff/Claycomb 7-0**)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**Miller/Schreck 7-0**)

Member Escobar arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** None
2. **Off-agenda items:** None

Staff Presentations

3. **Community Police Report**

Patrol North: *Officer Sharp* discussed an Anti Graffiti Program Task Force he has put together to combat the graffiti in the neighborhood. He spoke to Randy Sparkman from OCI and found out to present day there have been 400 graffiti locations reported and this does not include the areas that Park and Recreation and Public Works department come across. *Sharp* said he would continue to report to DAB the steps the Task Force is taking. Also, officers assisted with Pleasant Valley Middle School student's annual clean-up and a four-church annual clean-up of the area.

Sharp invited DAB members to participate in the Task Force which meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall.

Patrol West: *Officer Long* 17 Beat reporting for *Officer Davidson* stated 15 Beat officers and firemen did a clean-up on North Smith for an elderly couple including home repairs. The Orchard Park neighborhood association donated money to assist with the project. *Long* stated 14 Beat has a new Community Police officer and recently held a successful clean-up. Graffiti was reported at 400 N. Gordon which is a known gang house that officers are working on and Beat 11, *Officer Birdwell* held a successful clean-up. **Aldrich** congratulated *Long* as she recently married and stated his church had helped *Officer Davidson* with a neighborhood clean up.

Patrol South: *Officer Schweidthal* Old Town said officers assisted with a clean-up of the area. Due to the weather, officers have not been able to work on their special assignment dealing with pan handlers but plan to work on it as soon as possible. There are some changes to clubs, *Papi's* is now closed and *Flashbacks* is changing to a Sports bar with video games. They will undergo a complete remodel and will serve food. *Loco Joe's* has applied for a restaurant permit and to allow for 18 year old customers. They purchased a huge grill and will be serving lunch and dinner. Lighting in the Old Town area is still a concern and being reviewed. **Miller** asked how the Cinco de Mayo fiesta was. *Schweidthal* responded that everything went well. **Aldrich** asked if he would be working the River Festival. Yes officers signed up to assist with River Festival and Community Police officers will be on bike patrol.

Patrol North: *Lt. Nolte* stated the Police department was ready for the River Festival and the recent Police graduates would be working in the downtown area. Police met with **Councilmember Fearey** about Weed and Seed for this area and will look at a better approach for next year. *Nolte* continued there has been a spike in gang graffiti and The SCAT team is focusing on identifying members who are doing this. We want you to go back to your neighborhoods and stress reporting crime if you see it happening. There will be a change in assignments for Patrol North and we will soon be seeing a new captain. **Miller** asked was the process for reporting graffiti to a substation or OCI. *Nolte* said she could report graffiti on the Website or contact Donna Phoenix in OCI.

*******Action:** Receive and file

New Business

4. Community Education: Youth Day at City Hall

Patricia Houston, Northeast Community Educator explained *Youth Day at City Hall* was a city wide project for seniors to view city government with the goal to give a positive first hand experience of what the city was about. We tried to stress that city hall is not just a big bad place with court, police and jail. This was done over two separate days due to the size of students participating. Many of the youth saw that a lot of what the city does is enforcement. The youth viewed all of the departments and many really liked the Water Park. We had participation from each department and the presentations made were to allow them to understand that everything the city does is to enrich our community. **Aldrich** asked what was not popular. *Houston* responded she wasn't sure but she thought it was a lot of the walking and standing. Some of the youth were dressed up so it was hard on them.

The members thanked *Houston* for her presentation and for putting such a wonderful program together.

***** **Action:** Receive and file

5. Wichita Fire Department – “File of Life” NO PRESENTATION

Board Agenda

6. Problem Properties

- Graffiti: under the new railroad underpass at 13th street.
- Graffiti underneath the bridge at the big ditch at Central on the West bound lane

- Portable sign at Paul's Place - still there

***** **Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

7. Neighborhood Reports

- **Benjamin Hills/Pleasant Valley:** Will hold a May 21st event at the PV Methodist Church with activities for the kids, free hot dogs with police and fire having displays.
- **Old Town:** Farm and Art opens on 5-17-08.
- **Botanica:** May 22nd/ at 7 am will hold their annual event for First responders EMS and Fire. Other counties were also invited.
- **Moorings:** We are concerned about zebra mussels. The Fish & Game department met with neighbors to discuss this as we don't want them in our neighborhood lake.
- The Dillon's store next to Sycamore Park near 13th/West streets behind the city's credit union wants to expand and acquire the property around it. They are also trying to purchase some land from KAKE TV. This will be presented at the Park Board on 5-12-08 at 3:30 p.m. **Aldrich** asked what size is the park. **Miller** said it was a neighborhood park. **Fearey** asked if they would disrupt the park with **Miller** responding just the green space
- **Earth-Day Tip:** Did you know compact fluorescent light bulbs can't be thrown in the trash they need to be taken to the recycle center.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from the councilmember

- Wingnuts game: DAB is invited for Saturday July 12th or 19th to the city skybox for a baseball game. The neighborhood assistant will look into what date is available to use.

Announcements

- **Next DAB meeting will be held on Monday – June 2, 2008**

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant